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Industrial giants keen to set up shop in Mysuru: DC

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham addressing the CII Conference in city this morning as Ashok Rao, Past Chairman, CII Mysuru; Pavan Ranga, Chairman, CII Mysuru; D.K. Lingaraju, Joint Director, DIC, Mysuru and Supriya Salian, Vice-Chairman, CII Mysuru, look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham has revealed that more and more technology and industrial giants are entering the business scene in Mysuru and the Government is extending all cooperation to huge manufacturing establishments to set up shops beyond Bengaluru.

"The Tatas will come and we already have Asian Paints while many defence-related product companies have evinced keen interest in opening manufacturing units in Mysuru and the region will see a dramatic growth in the coming years," he said.

The Deputy Commissioner was speaking at the Annual Manufacturing and Technology Conference-2021 with the theme 'Sustainability through futuristic manufacturing' organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at *Hotel Country Inn* in the city this morning.

"India is seeing a new wave in first-generation investors and technocrats and they are setting up companies and start-ups. Even the manufacturing sector is witnessing a sea change with newer products entering the market and being produced in India. Earlier, these product manufacturing was dominated by China and now our youngsters are taking the dragon nation head-on," he said.

Acceleration in the digitisation process has seen a surge in the number of companies and start-ups in India, which has not only made the investment process fast and easy but also helps adoption of new-age investments, the Deputy Commissioner added.

The advancement in digital technology has given a boost to the manufacturing sector and service sector and this advancement has resulted in voluminous exports of products putting India in the global manufacturing map, he said.

(See DC on page 6)

Mysuru Mayor in Varanasi
for All-India Mayors' Conference

Do not demolish heritage buildings, rather rejuvenate them: PM Narendra Modi

Varanasi, Dec. 17 (Agencies)- Kicking off the month-long celebrations after the inauguration of the Kashi Vishwanath Dham (KVD) project, Mayors from over 120 cities have arrived in Varanasi to attend the on-going All-India Mayors' Conference at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya-Trade Facility Centre (DDUTFC). The event is a part of the series of post-inauguration events.

Mysuru Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Shivamogga Mayor Sunitha Appanna, Mangaluru Mayor Premananda Shetty, Davanagere Mayor S.T. Veeresh and Tumakuru Mayor Krishnappa are participating in the conference.

(See MAYOR on page 6)

Mysuru Mayor Sunanda Palanetra interacting with Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri and Minister of Urban Development (Uttar Pradesh) Ashutosh Tandon this morning as Tumakuru Mayor Krishnappa looks on.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 17th December 2021

Award presentation ceremony on Dec. 19

Taksha Shreshta Prajna Bhumika Somesh Sinchana Advik

Prarthana Sangeetha Punya Jelian Chaitra Bhuvana

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (SSM) - As part of their annual celebrations and memorial programme, Yashu Children and Cultural Academy and Arora Educational Trust, Mysuru, have jointly organised an award presentation ceremony to child achievers at Sahitya Bhavana, Vijayanagar 1st stage in city on Dec. 19 at 10.30 am.

The awards include Chiguru Ratna, Prathiba Ratna, Mysuru Ratna, Putani Ratna and Sadhana Ratna and the awardees are: Taksha Chanakya Rebanth (Chiguru Ratna award); Shreshta K. Ragha, M. Prajna, J. Bhumika (Prathiba Ratna award); M. Somesh, Sinchana S. Shankar (Mysuru Ratna award); B.K. Advik Koushik, P. Prarthana (Putani Ratna award); M. Sangeetha, Punya V. Gowda, S. Jelian, Chaitra, J. Bhuvana (Sadhana Ratna award).

For details contact, Mob: 94496-80130, according to a press release from Yashoda Narayan, President of the Academy.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

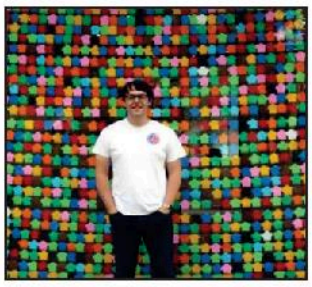
We Indians are more comfortable talking about the golden generation of Indian cricketers that won us the World Cup of 1983 than we are about the generation of soldiers, sailors and airmen who fought on both fronts in the 1971 war. This isn't really strange because it is in our strategic DNA to be diffident about the military and its role in furthering the cause of democracy as enshrined in our Constitution.

Till the 1971 war, the Indian Army had an overwhelming presence and impact on military decision-making. The sub-optimal operational outcomes of the 1965 India-Pakistan conflict forced India's strategic establishment to look at a holistic development of military capability and much effort went into adding heft to sea power and air power. Consequently, the Indian Navy and Indian Air Force truly came of age during the 1971 conflict, striking telling blows across all sectors and theatres of conflict. Cementing this transformation was the ability of both Admiral Nanda and Air Chief Marshal Lal to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the dominating Sam Manekshaw and remind him of the growing importance of sea power and air power in modern warfare.

While there was no integrated planning process prior to the conflict, a good beginning was made in the run-up to the conflict wherein all three services shared their final plans with each other. This resulted in a plug-and-play approach that allowed the navy and IAF to impact ground operations in a way never experienced before. — Arjun Subramaniam, Retired Air Vice Marshal and a Military Historian, in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man breaks Guinness Record for origami shirts



Tokyo: A British T-shirt entrepreneur broke a Guinness World Record by assembling and displaying 4,036 origami shirts. Guinness confirmed Jude Coram, 24, owner of T-shirt business Apparel of Laughs, broke the record for largest display of origami shirts, which was previously set at 3,474 shirts by Kids Jamboree in Tokyo. Coram said he took on the project as a means of keeping busy during the pandemic, and ended up folding 4,036 sheets of paper into miniature shirts between March and June of this year. Coram displayed his origami artwork in the front windows of Maketank, an Exeter, England, venue that supports local creatives.

"I've been a big fan of these world records and I had the books as a kid. Having one myself, I'm very pleased. It's something I'm trying to drop into the conversation here and there," Coram said.

15-year-old youngest graduate

Las Vegas: A 15-year-old boy is set to become the youngest graduate in the history of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, when he is presented with his fifth degree next week. Jack Rico, 15, is scheduled to graduate with a bachelor's degree and officials said the accomplishment will make him the youngest graduate in the history of the school.

Rico previously earned four associate degrees in two years from California's Fullerton College. He graduated from Fullerton at age 13, becoming that school's youngest-ever graduate. Rico said he struck out to find his own path to education after failing the third grade."No child is the same. In that, some kids thrive in a public school setting while others thrive in a home school setting. I feel like it should be the kid's choice," Rico said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

At what age group enlargement of prostate occurs?
Enlargement of prostate usually occurs after 50 years in Men

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Training in hotel management

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (SSM)- Karnataka Government in association with Department of Tourism will be organising a skill development training for unemployed boys and girls in hotel management sector and has invited applications from eligible candidates.

Training will be provided in Bakery and Confectionery for 8th pass students for 6 weeks, Food and Beverage Service for SSLC passed students for 12 weeks and House-Keeping training for 5th pass students for 12 weeks. Lunch, uniform and learning materials will be provided free to the candidates. Successful candidates will be given a certificate jointly by Department of Tourism and Food Craft Institute. Placement assistance will be provided to get employed in prestigious hotels. Interested candidates may submit applications in prescribed format with five photographs, copies of SSLC marks card, caste certificate, Aadhaar and bank account details.

Applicants who are selected for the training programme will be trained at Office of the Food Craft Institute, first floor, Kannada Karanji Building, Dasara Exhibition premises, Doddakere Maidan, Indiranagar, Mysuru-570010. For details contact Ph: 0821-2445388 or 2974388 or Mob: 63620-18821, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- *The word silver comes from the Anglo-Saxon word seolfor, and it is notoriously known as one of the English words with no possible rhyme. Also, the words for 'silver' and 'money' are the same in fourteen languages or more.*
- *Silver is one of the first five metals to ever be discovered. Silver objects have been found dating as far back as 4000 BC. Silver was the first metal to be used as currency, and in ancient Egypt, it was valued higher than gold!*
- *The compound silver iodide has been used for cloud seeding, to cause clouds to produce rain and try to control hurricanes.*
- *The first silver US dollar coin was minted in 1794.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

On the morning of her birthday, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamt that you gave me a diamond necklace. What do you think it means?" "Maybe you'll find out tonight," he said. That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. She ripped off the wrapping paper and found a book titled
"THE MEANING OF DREAMS!!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 76.16
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.51
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.73
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.35

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	DECEMBER 15	DECEMBER 16
Day's Positive Cases	8	21
Total Positive Cases	1,80,083	1,80,104
Day's Discharges	21	44
Total Discharges	1,77,450	1,77,494
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,433	2,433
Total Active Cases	200	177

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Restart more trains on Mysuru, Nanjangud & Ch.Nagar route

Sir,

As the rail traffic is slowly back on track now, I appeal to outh Western Railway (SWR) to restart a few more trains on Mysuru - Nanjangud - Chamarajanagar route.

Especially, there is urgent need for a trip between Mysuru - Nanjangud at around 9 pm every day; take a halt at Nanjangud and make the return journey the next day early morning at 6 am.

This will help commuters to catch the Chamundi Express for their onward journey to the State capital and other destinations. It will also considerably cut down the mad rush for Chamarajanagar - SBC train that departs Nanjangud at around 8.10 am every day.

Will the concerned give a thought to this and initiate steps please?

—N. Devarajan
on e-mail

Nanjangud
13.12.2021

Nominated

K.M. Shivaraju

Mysuru, Dec. 17- *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Special Correspondent at Bengaluru K.M. Shivaraju (KMS) has been nominated as a Member of Karnataka Media Academy, Bengaluru. He has been accorded membership in recognition of his service to the field of Journalism for the past 30 years. The Academy organises training camps and workshops for journalists in rural and district-level to enhance professional efficiency; Presents awards to veteran journalists who have served considerably in the field of journalism.

CESC Consumer Interaction Programme tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 17- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has organised Consumer Interaction Programme tomorrow (Dec. 18) at 11 am for the consumers coming under the following Sub-Divisions at their respective offices:

Central, Jyotinagar, N.R. Mohalla, Chamundipuram and Varuna Sub-Divisions under N.R. Mohalla Division and V.V. Mohalla, Hootagalli, Kuvempunagar and Ramakrishnanagar Sub-Divisions coming under V.V. Mohalla CESC Division.

The consumers of the said Sub-Divisions may attend the programme and air their grievances pertaining to CESC in writing, according to Executive Engineers, N.R. Mohalla and V.V. Mohalla Divisions.

No power supply on Dec. 17, 18 and 19

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Dec. 17, 18 and Dec. 19 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Chandragupta Road, Halladakeri, Sub-urban Bus stand, Ashoka Road, Jain Temple, Sangam Talkies and surrounding areas.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by Anitha, Head Mistress, Kaadanahalli Government Higher Primary School, Jayapura Hobli, Mysuru Taluk at Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, on Dec. 18 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115, according to a press release.

Diary and Calendar release

Former Karnataka High Court Judge N.K. Sudhindrarao will preside over the release of the new year calendar and diary function of the city's Kannada Legal monthly 'Law Guide' that will take place at Hotel Airlines premises located near the City Law Courts Complex at 11 am on Dec. 18. Senior High Court Lawyer S.P. Shankar, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, Senior advocate Harish Kumar Hegde, former Mysuru Bar Association President J.V. Ramamurthy and advocate S. Lokesh will be the guests of honour, according to a press release.

AGM of Kodagu Sahakara Sangha

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Kodagu Sahakara Sangha for the year 2020-21, will be held at the Sangha premises at Jayalakshmipuram on Dec. 19 at 10.30 am. Sangha President A.C. Nanjamma will preside, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	124.80	feet
Yesterday	:	124.80	feet
Inflow	:	3,434	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,224	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.51	feet
Inflow	:	780	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,000	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,853.84	feet
Inflow	:	65	cusecs
Outflow	:	350	cusecs

Over 9 years after tragedy, the fate of Lansdowne building still remains in suspense

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Dec.17- Even nine years after tragedy struck the city's over a century-old landmark Lansdowne Building located in the heart of the city in 2012, where four people were killed when a portion of the roof of the building collapsed following heavy rains, the MCC (Mysuru City Corporation), which has control over the building, is yet to take a firm decision on its fate.

Though several Governments have come and gone since then, the decrepit Lansdowne Building lies empty and in tatters even today after 9 years of the incident.

Following the fatal tragedy, all the tenants and other occupants of the building were vacated and even now, uncertainty continues on the fate of the building and so also that of the Heritage Devaraja Market Building located close by.

The erstwhile Mysuru Maharaja, as a mark of remembrance of the visit of the then British Viceroy Lansdowne to the city on Nov. 10, 1892, had built this aesthetically and architecturally designed structure in Gothic style. The structure is a two-storeyed one with 54 shops in the ground floor and 42 on the first floor, covering a total area of 1,495 Sq.Mts (16,092 Sq.ft).

The Lansdowne building, which withstood the test of times for decades since its construction in the last decade of 19th century, had turned decrepit since a couple of decades.

In Aug. 2012, over four days of incessant rains, resulted in the accumulation of water on the roof of the building, following which a portion of the roof caved in on the evening of Aug. 8, 2012, killing four people on that fateful day. Subsequently, the MCC evacuated all the tenants of the building and built a temporary facility right opposite the building for businesses to continue.

Under the Heritage Structures and Circles Development plan, the MCC after deciding to renovate the building, handed over the works to Savani Constructions in 2016 at an estimated cost of Rs. 3 crore. As the works showed progress, the MCC had released Rs. 94.60 lakh to the Contractor (Savani Constructions).

Meanwhile, a section of the front portion of nearby Devaraja Market building too collapsed, following which the then Chief Minister inspected the site and as well as Lansdowne building. The CM then had asked officials to get a report on the stability of the buildings and to stop all works until the report is got. As a result, the rejuvenation works too came to a grinding halt.

A Task Force Committee, which was formed to inspect the building and submit a report, had recommended demolition of the building and construction of a new one while keeping all heritage characteristics intact. But a Heritage Committee, which also visited the site, submitted a report on Nov. 16, 2018 recommending that the building be repaired and rejuvenated.

But a MCC Council meeting that took place on Jan. 29, 2019, resolved to demolish the building as it is a very old one and build a new one in its place while retaining all heritage characteristics associated with the structure.

Later, the then Deputy Commissioner on Dec. 10, 2019, convened a special meeting of Heritage Committee, during which it was decided to constitute a Technical Committee to study and determine the stability and strength of the building.

Subsequently, a technical team from KERS (Karnataka Engineering Research Station) at Belagola in Srirangapatna taluk, inspected the structure and recommended that a new building be constructed. This recommendation, along with all technical specifications, has been sent to the Government for its consideration.

But so far, the Government has been sleeping over the proposal and as such the uncertainty over the fate of the landmark Lansdowne Building continues.

MLA visits ART Centre at Belagavi

Mysuru, Dec. 17- K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas, who is attending the ongoing winter session of the State Legislature at Belagavi, took time off on Wednesday and visited the ART (Anti-Retroviral Therapy) Centre at Belagavi.

Interacting with the doctors and hospital staff there, Ramdas and other participants stressed on the need for sensitising and enlightening the people on the dangers of getting infected with AIDS.

Pointing out that the positivity rate for the HIV virus is 0.27 percent in children, they opined that measures should be taken to bring it down to Zero-level.

Observing that unprotected and unsafe sex is the culprit for the spread of the dangerous HIV virus, the meeting bemoaned that women take to sex work, even though they are contracted with the AIDS virus as they find no other means of earning or jobs to take up.

Opining that sex workers too need a pension scheme just like the other needy sections of the society, it was decided that the matter should be taken up with the Chief Minister.

Emphasising on the need for providing nutritious food to malnourished or undernourished children, they said that every one should join hands in the fight against malnutrition.

Observing that NGOs and the society too should take responsibility for preventing women and children from falling into the trap of AIDS, Ramdas and others opined that laws should be framed for preventing youths from getting addicted to MSM, drugs, alcohol and such other bad habits.

Pointing out more and more MSM are treading the wrong path, they said that a survey conducted in 40 schools has found that their numbers is increasing.

Noting that financial assistance on the lines of the one in Maharashtra will help the children in their livelihood, they said that the Maharashtra model also facilitates education of such children upto a certain level.

Maintaining that Governments have the responsibility of bringing such children to the mainstream society, the meeting deliberated on taking a pledge for ensuring that no children gets infected by the deadly virus in the next 10 years.

Ramdas and the participants further said that a joint meeting of all concerned Departments such as Education, Women and Child, Health and Police will largely help in evolving strategies for tackling the deadly AIDS virus and a report in this regard should be submitted to the Chief Minister.

Belagavi District Surgeon Dr. Sudhakar, RMO Dr. Keshav, HIV Counsellor Rathna, Dr. Veeresh, MSM Representative Ganesh, Kasturi of Spandana Network and other staff of ART Centre were present.

Adulterated Nandini ghee racket case

Adulterated ghee has inter-State ramifications

Racketeers cashed-in on huge popularity of Nandini ghee

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (RK&BCT)- The major adulterated Nandini ghee racket flourishing in Mysuru at a rented godown in Hosahundi at the foot of Chamundi Hill near Bandipalya has baffled the Police as well as the officials from the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) whose brand reputation has been cashed-in by criminals.

The racket was busted yesterday and a team of KMF officials and the Police raided the facility and seized tonnes of packed ghee, complete with Nandini logo, hallmark, licence number and even barcode. When held together it is difficult to distinguish between the original and adulterated packet of ghee.

Sources told *Star of Mysore* that the racket has inter-State ramifications and a major part of the ghee was sent to Tamil Nadu in trucks. Loads were also supplied to many sweetmeat makers of Mysuru, who used to buy the stocks in bulk.

The hugely popular Nandini brand, its health benefits and distinct texture and taste made the racketeers to adulterate the product, said KMF officials. So popular is the original ghee that it is used to make laddu at Tirumala Venkateswara Swamy Temple.

Initial investigation has revealed that the racketeers identify godowns and storage spaces outside cities like they have done in Hosahundi. They later entered into agreements with landlords in benami names and by claiming that they were dealers of genuine Nandini products.

Rent of Rs. 15,000 per month

This godown is located on Survey Number 84/6 and is owned by H.K. Vasanth Kumar and has been taken in the name of one M. Ashwini, wife of B.K. Murugesh of Mahadevapura near Srirampura. As per the rental agreement, Ashwini and Murugesh paid an advance of Rs. 1 lakh and were paying a rent of Rs. 15,000 per month.

This particular godown where the raid took place yesterday had over 20 employees filling up the packets with adulterated ghee made from vegetable oils. Every day, hundreds of packets would be manufactured and the adulterated ghee is also filled into tins that weigh 10 to 15 kgs. Thousands of such tins and cartons containing 1 litre packets have been stored in the godown.

Copy-cat machines

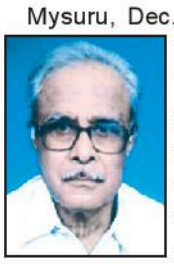
KMF officials and the Police suspect that the racket has been flourishing at Hosahundi since July last and till now they have already supplied ghee worth crores of rupees. Apart from people to manufacture the adulterated product, there were machines to fill the ghee to packets and seal them to make it look original.

Along with huge quantities of vegetable oil, the raiding teams also recovered original Nandini ghee that the criminals had purchased to mix it with low quality edible oil. Senior officials of KMF including Director (Marketing), Quality Controller (Marketing) from Bengaluru reached the godown last evening.

Officials said that though the KMF had adopted hologram and QR code technology to pack their premium products including ghee, the racketeers managed to reproduce them. Meanwhile, Mysuru Milk Union Chairman P.M. Prasanna said that the KMF officials and the Police would unearth the complete racket, supply route and also see if people from other States are involved.

SP R. Chethan said that a case has been booked at Mysuru South Police Station and the hunt was on to nab the kingpin of the racket. Search is on to trace all the employees of the godown and some are already being questioned, he added. Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar has directed the Police and the KMF authorities to get to the root of the racket and restore the faith of people in the Nandini brand.

Freedom fighter passes away



D.S. Jagadeesh

Mysuru, Dec. 17-D.S. Jagadeesh (91), a freedom fighter, who had taken part in 'Mysore Chalo,' 'Quit India Movement' and other freedom struggle agitations, passed away at a private hospital in city yesterday following age related ailments.

A resident of Kuvempunagar, Jagadeesh had served as the President of District Freedom Fighters' Association. He leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Vidyaranyapuram Burial Grounds yesterday, according to sources.

Obituary

Konganda P. Mandanna

Mysuru, Dec. 17- Konganda P. Mandanna (Dorai), a resident of No. 8, 5th Main, 14th Cross, Gokulam 2nd Stage, passed away last evening in city. He was 76.

He leaves behind his wife Gowri Mandanna, sons Dilan and Dilip, daughters-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

Alleged family feud: Woman kills toddler son, hangs self

Nanjangud, Dec. 17 (MC&KS)- A 22-year-old woman, depressed over frequent family feuds, reportedly drowned her two-year-old son in a water-filled bucket and later hanged herself at her house in Gattawadipura village in the taluk yesterday.

The deceased are Annapoorna and her son Mohit. A native of Ummatur village in Chamarajanagar, Annapoorna was given in marriage to Mahadevaprasad of Gattawadipura. It is learnt that of late, frequent quarrel used to take place between the couple for trivial issues.

Depressed over this, Annapoorna, yesterday, drowned her two-year-old son in a bucket of water and later hanged herself.

Nanjangud Dy.SP Govindaraju, Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar, Dodda Kavalande Sub-Inspector Mahendra and staff visited the spot.

The bodies were shifted to Nanjangud General Hospital mortuary for post-mortem. A case has been registered at Kavalande Police Station.

Congress attempts to lay siege to Suvarna Soudha

Belagavi, Dec.17 (KMS&DM)- Accusing the ruling BJP Government in the State of rampant corruption and doing little for the farmers, the opposition Congress yesterday held a massive tractor rally and attempted to siege Suvarna Soudha at Belagavi, where the winter session of the State Legislature is underway.

Raising slogans against the BJP Government, the Congress leaders maintained that Karnataka Contractors Association itself has complained to the Prime Minister that the Government is a 40 percent commission Government, which speaks volumes about the rampant corruption going on in the State.

Seeking a probe into the allegations of Contractors Association, the Congress leaders claimed that the farmers of the region were yet to get any crop loss compensation and urged the Government to release funds for the same without waiting for Central Government grants.

Earlier, hundreds of Congress workers led by KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar, Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, senior leader S.R. Patil and others, took out a tractor rally from Belagavi District Congress Office to Suvarna Soudha, where they tried to lay siege to it. But the Police, who were present in large numbers prevented them.

Later, Siddharamaiah telephoned Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, following which the Police allowed only the Legislators to enter Suvarna Soudha, while disallowing all others.

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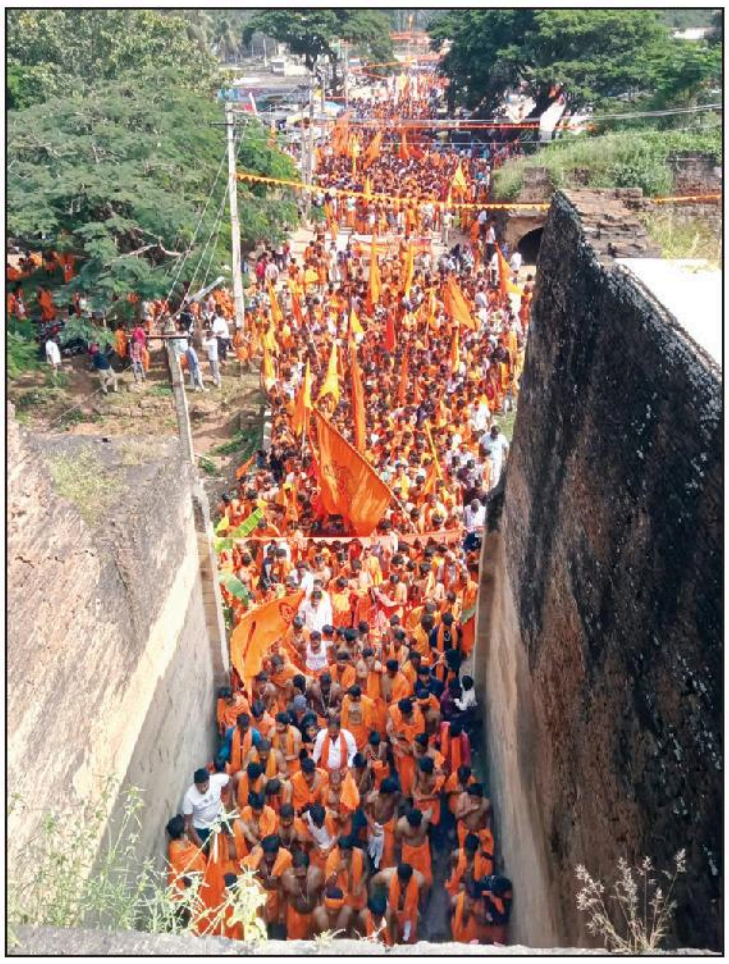
Sankeerthana Yatra
by Hanuma devotees at S'patna

Srirangapatna, Dec. 17 (Vinay Karekura&BCT)- The *Sankeerthana Yatra* or *Shobha Yatra* taken out by Hanuman devotees in Srirangapatna passed off peacefully yesterday. Thousands of devotees wearing *Hanuma Malas* went through the streets chanting devotional songs and *shlokas*. The entire town was beefed up with Police security.



Thousands of people from Mandya, Mysuru and Kodagu had converged into Srirangapatna for the mega event that was launched by Vedic scholar Dr. Bhanuprakash Sharma from Anjaneyaswamy Temple near Nimishamba Temple in Ganjam. The Hanuma maladharis chanted 'Jai Sri Ram' and 'Jai Bajrangbali' throughout the rally, waving saffron flags.

The event was organised by the Mysuru division of the Hindu Jagarana Vedike. There was heavy Police presence all over the temple town.

The rally covered six kilometres passing through Tipu's Summer Palace, Government Hospital, Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway Circle, Jamia Masjid Circle and culminated at the grounds opposite Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple. Along with the devotees, cultural troupes too participated in the procession. An idol of Lord Hanuman that was decked up with flowers and ornaments was carried along the procession.

Nearly 1,000 Policemen, including about 100 in plain clothes who were mingling with the crowd, were deployed as part of the security measure while a few more Police platoons were on standby.

The Police had stepped up security as fears were expressed by members of the minority community and Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), who alleged that there was a conspiracy to vandalise or damage the historic mosque during the event.

However, the Hindu Jagarana Vedike had denied that there was no conspiracy and they were just holding the rally as per their faith. They clarified that the fears of the SDPI and other leaders were unfounded.

Mandya SP N. Yathish, Dy.SP Sandesh Kumar and Assistant Commissioner Shivananda Murthy were personally supervising the security and a team of five DY.SPs, 14 units of District Armed Reserve (DAR), five platoons of Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) and one unit of Quick Response Team (QRT) were posted.

During the procession, three persons who were allegedly video-recording the happenings were roughed up by a group. The Police intervened and whisked them away to safety.

Hanuma Jayanti celebrated
with religious fervour in city

Mysuru, Dec.17 (MTY&DM)- Amid COVID restrictions, Hanuma Jayanti was celebrated with religious fervour at all Hanuman Temples in city yesterday.

In the wake of COVID crisis, the district administration had directed for a simple and traditional celebrations, while disallowing any processions.

The day began with the performance of special pujas at Hanuman Temples early in the morning.

At the famed Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate, pujas and rituals began at 6 am, with devotees lining up before the Temple right from early morning to seek the blessings of Lord Hanuman. The week-long cultural and musical programmes which were a practice in the past, is absent this year due to COVID restrictions.

Special pujas marked the celebrations at Jayadevanjaneya Swamy Temple on D. Devaraj Urs Road. Prasada was distributed to the devotees on the occasion.

Special pujas were also performed at Anjaneya Temples at Agrahara, Kuvempunagar, Dattagalli, Hanumanthanagar, Gangothri Layout, Shivarampet, Vontikoppal and other localities in city. Mass *bhajans* also marked the celebrations at various Hanuman Temples.

Hanuman Jayanti was celebrated with gaiety at Basavanapura's Mutturayanagudda Temple in Mysuru taluk. Several pujas and rituals were held from 8 am till 8 pm. As part of Hanuma Jayanti, Jeevadhara Blood Bank and Lions Club of Mysore had jointly organised a blood donation camp, during which several people from nearby villages donated blood. Former MP C.H. Vijayshankar who addressed the gathering, said that Hanuma Jayanti is part and parcel of our culture and traditions.

Pointing out that Lord Rama and Hanuman are representative of our rich culture and traditions, he said Hanuman is popularly called as 'Vayuputra,' is worshipped in other countries such as Indonesia, Myanmar (previously Burma) and Bhutan.

MP Pratap Simha's wife Arpita Simha, KEA Chairman Hemanthkumar Gowda, MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phanish, leaders Gopal rao, Beerihundi Basavanna and Madegowda, Sri Mutturaya Seva Samiti President B. Srinivas, office-bearers Mahadevanna, Mogannagowda, Chandrashekar and others were present.

Inner Wheel District Conference on Dec. 18 and 19
Arundathi Nag to inaugurate the meet

Mysuru, Dec.17- The eight Inner Wheel Clubs of Mysuru are playing hosts to POORNITHA, the 52nd District Conference of Dist. 318.

Arundathi Nag

Padma Shri Arundathi Nag will inaugurate the conference on Saturday (Dec.18) at 4.30 pm. The host Clubs will present the 'Heritage of Mysuru' after the inauguration. Delegates from 45 Inner Wheel Clubs spread across eight Revenue districts of Karnataka will participate in the Conference. District Chairman Pushpa Gururaj and Conference Chairman PDC Jannavi Murthy are gearing up for a meaningful event.

Inner Wheel is the world's largest women's service organisation with Friendship and Service as its ideals.

Industrial giants keen to set up shop in Mysuru: DC

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"Younger generations are digital natives, especially millennials. They have grown up when technology was still developing and adopted it as part of their lives not only in urban parts but also tier-II/III and rural areas of the country. Hence, they are more open to technology playing an important part in their financial journey," DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham noted.

Pavan Ranga Chairman, CII Mysuru and Director, NR Group welcomed, V. Eswara Rao Convenor, CII Mysuru Manufacturing Panel and Vice President (Works) JK Tyre & Industries, Ashok Rao, Past Chairman, CII Mysuru and Managing Director, KGK Engineering, D.K. Lingaraju Joint Director of DIC, Mysuru, Jyothi Pradhan Vice Chairperson, CII Karnataka and CEO, Kurlon Enterprises, Supriya Salian Vice Chairman, CII Mysuru and Managing Director, Plansee High Performance Materials also spoke.

Mysuru Mayor in Varanasi

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore* from Varanasi this morning, Mayor Sunanda Palanetra said that she was looking forward to attending a series of events organised as part of the conference.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the event via video conferencing and the theme of the conference is 'New Urban India'. Appreciating the work of the Mayors, Modi said, "I believe that all the Mayors present here have left no stone unturned for the bright future and development of their cities. This programme in Kashi is very important for the growth of cities in India."

Hailing the progress made by Kashi in the past few years, PM Modi said that the development in Kashi is a roadmap for many other cities in the country. "The majority of our cities are traditional cities. Their development has also been in a traditional way. We can learn from such places about how local skills and products can be the identity of that city," he said.

Speaking about how India's culture and heritage are contributing to the development of the country, PM Modi said, "We should believe in evolution. India does not need revolution today. We don't need to demolish our heritage buildings and reconstruct them, rather we need to rejuvenate them. I want all the Mayors to take an initiative to bring their city to the top of the cleanest city list."

The conference is being organised by Uttar Pradesh Urban Development Department in association with All India Mayors Council. The Mayors of Pune and Surat will give a presentation on Clean India Mission and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). Groups of five Mayors will be formed and each group will take part in group discussion on urban development issues and a presentation would be prepared on its outcomes.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri were present at the event. An exhibition is also being organised from Dec. 17 to 19 to showcase the key achievements of the Government of India and Government of Uttar Pradesh in the sphere of urban development.

Last evening, the Mayors visited the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Memorial at Padao from where they went to Dashaswamedh Ghat to witness Ganga Aarati. Later they visited the Kashi Vishwanath Dham and offered prayers at the Kashi Vishwanath Temple.

Women must decide on what real empowerment means: City Top Cop

Women's Commission Chairperson welcomes Centre's decision on increasing marriage age of girls to 21 years

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta addressing the gathering at the Legal Awareness workshop in city this morning as Karnataka State Women's Commission Chairperson Pramila Naidu, Commission Secretary T.R. Shobha and Women & Child Welfare Department Deputy Director D. Basavaraj look on.

Mysuru, Dec.17 (RKB&DM)- Stressing on the need for women to themselves decide on what real empowerment and protection means for them as it is crucial for bringing about changes in the society, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that it is time that men and women deliberate together on sorting out issues concerning gender inequality.

He was speaking after inaugurating a day-long Divisional-Level Legal Awareness workshop organised by Karnataka State Women's' Commission at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus here this morning.

Noting that it is important to have a look at the success of such workshops earlier and evaluate the changes that may have taken place in respect of women issues, Dr. Chandragupta observed that we should think about doing something different, if no success or changes have evolved from earlier workshops.

Pointing out that women who don the roles of mother, daughter and wife, should question themselves on whether they are living with independently sans any outside threats, the Police Commissioner observed that practices and habits taught by parents would remain long in the life of an individual and as such, the role of parents is crucial in building a law abiding and responsive society.

Maintaining that while women can perform almost all jobs that are done by men, he said that at the same time, it cannot be said that men can do all the works that women do. The workshop should focus more on the measures to be taken for ending gender bias, he added. Karnataka State Women's Commission Chairperson Pramila Naidu, who presided, said that the Police Commissioner has expressed his thoughts on women empowerment.

Maintaining that there was gender equality in the first century, Pramila Naidu said that however, with the passage of time, societal evils such as child marriage, *Sahagamana* or *Sati*, child labour, atrocities, violence etc., evolved. Welcoming the Centre's decision to increase the marriage age of women from 18 years to 21 years, she said that the Women's Commission is committed for protecting the constitutionally mandated rights for women.

"It is regretful to note that the Women's Commission received a large number of complaints of atrocities, crimes and violence against women during the COVID pandemic. The outbreak of the pandemic also saw a spike in domestic disharmony and the Commission took necessary steps to address complaints. The Commission has the satisfaction of saving the lives of 22 patients by providing them blood during the pandemic last year," she said.

Highlighting the problems of women working in the garments sector, she said that the Commission is doing its best to address the problems and is working out plans for empowering them .

Commission Secretary T.R. Shobha, Women and Child Welfare Department Deputy Director D. Basavaraj and others were present.

'Only one woman at grievances meet'

Pramila Naidu held a grievances meet at Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur Road, which received lukewarm response, as only one woman turned up.

The woman who reportedly came up with a complaint of domestic disharmony, was suitably counselled, it is learnt.

Speaking to presspersons after the grievances meet, Pramila Naidu said that women can think judiciously about leading a self-reliant life and taking independent decisions at 21 years of age and added that the Commission has received 210 complaints from women in Mysuru district in the past one year, regarding domestic disharmony and other such issues.

Expressing concern that the Commission has been receiving more and more complaints about love affairs of school going girls, she said that the Commission worked overtime in providing medical assistance to pregnant women during the COVID pandemic.

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Aralu Maralu - Marali Aralu

Musical evening

by Swaraanjali tomorrow

A fund raising concert in aid of senior citizens

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (SSM) - Team Swaraanjali, a group of passionate singers from different professional backgrounds, have joined hands with Loyal World for a noble cause of providing services to the Old Age Homes.

In view of this, Swaraanjali has organised a music programme titled 'Aralu Maralu - Marali Aralu' on Dec. 18 at 3 pm at Mysore Medical College Platinum Jubilee Auditorium, J.K Grounds.

Prof. M. Krishne Gowda, noted humorist and retired Principal of St. Philomena's College, Mysuru will be the chief guest. Dr. B.N. Ravish, HoD of Psychology Department, MMC&RI, will be the special invitee. Dr. H.N. Dinesh, Dean & Director of MMC&RI, will preside. Dr. Lavanya Shenoy, Senior Surgeon and Meera Srikanth, Music Teacher, Ideal Jawa Rotary School, Mysuru will be present at the stage programme.

On the same day from 5 pm, there will be musical evening by 20-member Swaraanjali troupe and live orchestra by 30 musicians. The singers are: Dr. Lavanya Shenoy, Dr. M.N. Raghuveer, Meera Srikanth, Bhuvaneshwari Venkatesh, Kalamandalam Suchitra Anil Kumar, M.S. Balaji, S. Roopashree, Deepa Subramanya, Dr. N.M. Suneetha, M.R. Thulasananda, Divya Keshavan, H.P. Madhusudan, Rashmi Rao, R. Srinivas, Darshitha Rajendra, M.V. Jeevan Kumar, V. Nikhil Prabhu, Sandesh Jain, Ananya Ravikumar and M.P Sirigowri.

Live Orchestra ensemble: Senior Keyboard Programmer - Tony Mathew; Conduction - S.J. Vincent; Violin - Mohan Rao, Chandrashekar, Vijaya Bhaskar, Shiva Prasad, Vijay Anand, Chennai; Violin - Emmanuel Francis, Rahel, Denna, Mysuru; Keyboard - Stanley and Samuel; Bass Guitar - Mathias; Acoustic/ Electric Guitar - Vikas; Flute/ Saxophone - Sandeep; Sitar - Srinivas; Drums - Andrew Cyril; Selvakumar Kutti - Rhythm Pad; Raghunath - Tabla; Vid. Karthik - Mandolin; Mohan Kumar and Naveen Kumar - Clarinet; Trombones - Teju; Trumpets - R. Krishna Murthy and Guru Prasad; Double Bass - M.K. Rajendra and Cello - Roshan.

The Sound Engineer for the programme is Chandrashekar, who is a Chief Sound Engineer at Vijay Antony Film Productions, Chennai.

Dr. M.N. Raghuveer of Swaraanjali said that as part of this project, Team Swaraanjali will be providing financial help and health camps to the elderly people of "Green Dot Trust" old age home. Organisers have fixed Re. 1 as entry ticket for the fund raising concert and generous donations are also accepted.

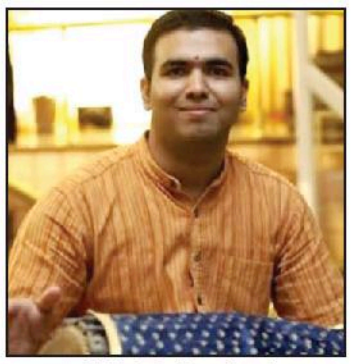
Award to Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy

Bengaluru-based Ajithkumar Smaraka Samskrithika Vedike, in memory of Ajithkumar, presented the National Award "Ajithsree Santana-2021" to Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy for her outstanding contribution to the field of Bharathanatya at a function held at Kondajji Basappa Auditorium, Bharat Scouts and Guides premises, Bengaluru, on Dec.11. The award comprised a citation, a medal and a cash prize of Rs.50,000. She is seen with former Minister P.G.R. Sindhya, chief patron, former Speaker Dr. B.L. Shankar, President of the Association and former External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna.

Online vocal duet on Saturday

Vidu. Sindhu & Vidu. H.M. Smitha

Vid. Janardhan Srinath



Vid. B.S. Prashanth

Mysuru, Dec. 17- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, will be presenting an online vocal duet by **Vidu. Sindhu Suchethan and Vidu. H.M. Smitha** on their YouTube channel at 5 pm on Dec. 18.

They will be accompanied by **Vid. Janardhan Srinath** on violin and **Vid. B.S. Prashanth** on mridanga.

Music lovers are requested to watch the concert by visiting Sabha's YouTube channel at Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust ***[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5duKEUSvk8XXBra6TWQn-SA]***, according to a press release from Sabha Vice-President Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy.

Special Handloom Expo

at JSS Mysore Urban Haat from Dec. 18

Mysuru, Dec. 17- JSS Mysore Urban Haat has organised a Special Handloom Expo SAMSKRUTHI-2021 under the sponsorship of Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom & Textile & Commerce, Government of Karnataka, at its premises in Hebbal Ring Road from Dec. 18 to Jan.2, 2022.

More than 60 weavers and Weaver Societies from all over India including National and State awardees will be exhibiting and selling their attractive traditional and heritage handloom products in the expo.

The expo will be open from 10.30 am to 9 pm on all the days.

The expo-cum-sale includes Punjabi Phulkari, Patiala Suits, Bhagalpur Tussar Silk sarees & duppattas, Handlooms from Madhya Pradesh, Grass Mats & Curtains, Jaipur Kurthas & Raparons, Kanjivaram Silk Sarees, Ilakal Kasuthi and Molakalmur sarees of Karnataka, Jute bags, Tussur silk sarees, Kantha stitch sarees, Banaras sarees and Dress Materials, Boutique sarees and Dress, Bengali Cotton sarees, Kashmir Handlooms, Chicken Embroidery, Rajasthan Embroidery, Gujarat Dress, Vegetable print Dress Materials and other attractive Handlooms items.

The expo will be inaugurated on Dec.18 at 4 pm. Visitors can avail 20 percent discount on all handloom products.

There is no entry and parking fee for those visiting expo.

All COVID-19 precautionary measures will be taken during the expo as per the guidelines of State and Central Governments.

City bus facility has been arranged from KSRTC bus stand (Bus No. 117), according to a press release from M. Shivananjaswamy, Project Officer, JSS Mysore Urban Haat.

Grand plans for Dr. Vishnuvardhan's 75th birth anniversary event in 2025

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (PM&DM)- Dr. Vishnu Sena Samiti, Mysuru, will celebrate the 75th birth anniversary of late actor *Sahasa Simha* Dr. Vishnuvardhan in a grand manner in the year 2025.

Dr. Vishnuvardhan

Announcing this at a press meet here on Wednesday, the Samiti State President Veerakaputra Srinivas said that the 75th birth anniversary of Dr. Vishnuvardhan falls on Sept.18, 2025 and the event will be celebrated in a purposeful manner. Pointing out that preparations have already started for the grand celebration, he said it has been proposed to establish a competitive exams training academy for poor students. It has also been decided to plant 10 lakh saplings across the State by 2025 and to bring out a booklet on the feat of the late actor.

He further said that the Government will be urged to name a road, Bhavan or a scheme after Vishnuvardhan in every district and also to install the statue of Dr. Vishnuvardhan at the park named after him in Mysuru. Those interested in taking part in the preparations can contact Mob:98448-35554.

Regretting that the Government had failed in conferring *Padma Shri* award on Dr. Vishnuvardhan, he said that the Samiti is going ahead with its plans without relying on the Govt. for assistance. Samiti office-bearers Lohitgowda and Shivakumar were present at the press meet.

IAF helicopter crash at Coonoor

Mysuru Ex-Servicemen pay floral tributes to CDS Gen. Bipin Rawat and 13 others

Mysuru, Dec. 17 - VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust and Kodagu Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association, Mysuru East, had organised a programme yesterday at Squadron Leader A.B. Devayya (MVC Posthumous) Bhawan in city to pay rich floral tributes to CDS Gen. Bipin Rawat and 13 others who lost their lives in IAF helicopter crash in Coonoor, Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu, on Dec.8.

A large number of ex-servicemen from the Mysuru region and their families, serving Army and Air Force personnel, NCC cadets belonging to all the three wings and the general public attended the condolence meeting.

Group Captain Ajay Dudeja (Retd.), former President and Commanding Officer, Air Force Selection Board, Mysuru and Colonel Srinivas, Administrative Officer of NCC Group Headquarters, Mysuru, lit the traditional lamps and offered floral tributes.

As a mark of respect, two minutes silence was observed by all those present.

Colonel Srinivas, addressing the gathering said, every citizen of our country show solidarity with the Armed Forces on every happy and sorrowful occasion and exhibit their belongingness towards the Armed Forces and martyrs. He said that this august gathering of ex-servicemen, NCC cadets and the general public from all walks of life to pay homage to the departed souls is a classic example.

Gp. Capt. Ajay Dudeja, who also spoke, mentioned the rank and names of all those who lost their lives in the tragic helicopter crash. He lauded the efforts of Kodagu Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association and VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust led by Veteran Sergeant Mandetira N. Subramani, who happens to be the Founder-President of the Trust.

Harish Machia Kodandera, son of a late World War-II veteran, paying homage to the brave hearts said, BIPIN RAWAT essentially meant, "Brilliant Individual Protecting Indian Nationhood by Responsibly Achieving World-class Armed Forces Transformation."

He further said that the 14 martyrs displayed utmost, foremost and topmost sacrifice in the line of duty upholding the *aan, baan* and *shaan* of our nation.

Stating that the CDS was truly a Champion's Champion, Strategic Thinker and a People's Leader, Harish said the nation lost a gem amongst men with 13 stars along with him.

Veteran Sergeant Subramani, thanking all those present at the venue, also appealed to all the ex-servicemen fraternity residing in and around Mysuru district, who visit Sqn. Ldr. A.B. Devayya Bhawan, which houses the Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement in Mysuru, to pay their tributes to the departed souls during working hours on all working days till Dec.31, 2021.

Deputy Director, Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement, Mysuru, Dr. Balasubramanya, Vice-President of VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust Shakunthala Subramani, Hon. Secretary of the Trust S. Somashekara, Vice-President of Kodagu Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association, Mysuru East, Veteran Subedar K.U. Bheemaiah and other office-bearers were present.

Safai Karmachari Commission Chief on District tour

Shivanna

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (SSM)- Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman M. Shivanna will be on a two-day tour of Mysuru district on Dec. 21 and Dec. 22.

On Dec. 21 at 10.30 am, Shivanna will discuss the problems faced by sanitation workers at BEML. Later, he will visit Pourakarmika Colony at J.P. Nagar and Navodaya Colony at 3 pm.

On Dec. 22 at 10 am, he will hold a meeting with Pourakarmika leaders and later he will hold a press meet at Jaladarshini at 11.30 am. At 2.30 pm, he will discuss the problems faced by civic workers at APMC Market.

Special teachers list: Objections invited

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (SSM) - The Department of Public Instruction has published the tentative seniority list of Government High School craft and other special teachers (2021-22) teaching subjects like Tailoring, Carpentry, Weaving, Horticulture and Agriculture, in their website *www.schooleducation.kar.nic.*

Objections, if any, the teachers along with a copy of list published in the website page with their name and related documents may contact the respective Deputy Directors of the District before Dec. 29, according to a press release from the Department.

Eight tamed elephants shifted from Aane Mane Foundation to Rampura Camp

Kushalnagar, Dec. 17 (KS) - Eight tamed elephants belonging to conservationist and wildlife researcher Prajna Chowta of Aane Mane Foundation near Dubare have been shifted to Rampura Elephant Camp in Bandipur by the Forest Department.

Prajna Chowta, Co-Founder of Aane Mane Foundation, had taken permission from the Government to study elephants closely to enable their and their habitat conservation. The base camp of the Foundation was located in the forests of Dubare and she had been nurturing many elephants under her care since 2000.

However, the residents across Dubare alleged that the elephants often raided the crops and caused immense damage. A complaint in this regard was forwarded to the State by the residents and the Forest Department officials, following which the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), in August, had ordered to capture the elephants and relocate them.

Following the order, the Forest Department officials, with the help of mahouts of elephant camps successfully captured 43-year-old Heeranya, 34-year-old Maladevi, 12-year-old Dharma, seven-year-old Jaga, eight-year-old Pooja, four-year-old Kamali, two-year-old Kannika and two-month-old female baby calf of Heeranya. All the eight elephants were loaded into trucks and shifted to Rampura Elephant Camp in Bandipur yesterday.

Madikeri Division Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) A.T. Poovaiah guided Somwarpet Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) K.A. Nehru, Kushalnagar Range Forest Officer (RFO) Ananya Kumar, Deputy Range Forest Officers (DRFOs) K.P. Ranjan and Anil D'Souza, Mahouts J.K. Dobi, J.R. Chinnappa, J.S. Annaiah and Doreyappa, Kavadi Nayaz Pasha and staff in the capturing and relocating operation.

Graduation Day at GSSSIETW MBA Department

Mysuru, Dec.17- The Graduation Day Ceremony of Department of MBA, GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women, Mysuru, will be held on Dec.18 at 10 am.

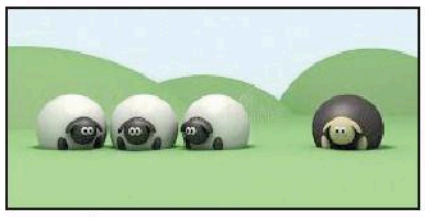
Sam Cherian Kumbukattu, Founder & Managing Director, Schevaran Laboratories Pvt Ltd., Mysuru, will be the chief guest. Shoba Arun, Head-C-TEA,L&T, will be the guest of honour. Dr. M. Jagannatha Shenoi, President, Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), will preside.

Vanaja B. Pandit, Hon. Secretary, GSSS, R.K. Bharath, CEO, Anupama B. Pandit, Administrative Officer and Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, will be present on the occasion.

Graduating batches of 2020 and 2021 students will receive Course Completion Certificates, according to a press release from Dr.Aparna J. Varma, Associate Professor, Department of MBA, GSSSIETW.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ostracize



Pronunciation: AH-struh-syze.
Meaning: To exclude from a group by common consent.
Origin: In ancient Greece, citizens whose power or influence threatened the stability of the State could be exiled by a practice called ostracism. Voters would elect to banish another citizen by writing that citizen's name down on a potsherd. Those receiving enough votes would then be subject to temporary exile from the State. Ostracize originated with the meaning "to exile by the ancient method of ostracism," but these days it usually refers to the general exclusion of a person from a group at the agreement of its members.
Example: "Our mental health suffers if we feel separated, ostracized or lack a sense of belonging." — Tracy Brower

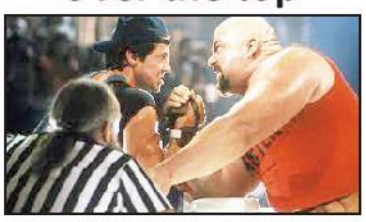
THE ODD WORD

Obtundent

Dulling.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Over the top



Meaning: The phrase 'Over the Top' is used when a goal or quota has been surpassed, or when something is outrageously overdone or too extreme.
Origin: During the First World War, the phrase 'over the top' was used to describe infantrymen emerging from the relative safety of their trenches to attack their enemies across open ground. An early example of the term in print comes from a 1916 edition of War Illustrated: "Some fellows asked our captain when we were going over the top."
Example: "Her fundraising campaign went over the top by $5,000."

QUOTE BOX

The top of one mountain is always the bottom of another.

—Marianne Williamson

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Working overtime.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 San ___ : Italian city
5 Put or kept out of sight
8 Church recess
12 For example, it is an immortal act! (2,2)
13 Dutch commune
14 Comrades or friends
15 Failed utterly (4,4)
17 Dash or zest; verve
18 Original Equip. Manufacturer
19 Become famous
21 Precious stone
24 Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee
25 A metal wind instrument
26 Deliberately
30 Israeli weapon
31 Tender, boneless cut of beef
32 Indian prime minister 1991-6
33 Reduced in rank
35 ____ leg : cricket fielding position?
36 Made cooler
37 High-IQ society
38 Famed London clock-tower (3,3)
41 Vada ___ : Mumbai's favourite snack
42 Jazz singer ___ Fitzgerald
43 Hint; aspersion
48 Monetary unit of Cambodia
49 Indonesia's earlier name
50 In ___ of : instead?
51 Require
52 Information, colloquially speaking
53 Closed

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	B	A		L	O	R	E		C	L	E	O
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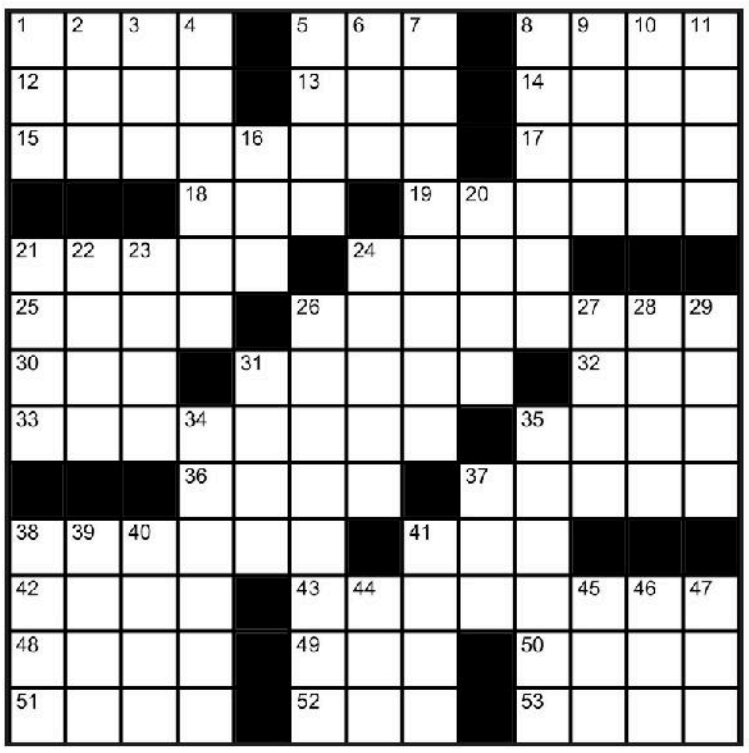
DOWN

1 Royal Air Force, acronym
2 Suffix with "Journal" or "legal"
3 A small unit of length
4 Give ___ ___ : give for temporary use? (2,4)
5 Ship's steering gear
6 Princess who is a Gilbertian feminist
7 Itemised
8 A brief survey or sketch; outline
9 Ancient Indian language
10 East European
11 Slave or serf
16 Turkish headwear
20 Log float
21 With a ___ " making a dull or heavy sound?
22 Exude moisture; exude or exhibit a feeling freely
23 Sanctimonious type
24 Felt sick or uneasy; suffered from ill-health
26 Making or becoming broader
27 Scientology founder, Hubbard (1,3)
28 Computer-linked systs.
29 Hindu meditation system
31 Confront boldly; dare
34 Amusingly coarse and lewd
35 Flattens
37 Modular Avionics Unit
38 Swiss capital
39 Tennis star Nastase
40 Jubilation
41 Nabokov novel
44 Maiden name prefix
45 Not Invented Here
46 Disp. Elec. Unit
47 No longer eligible to bat



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

6	8	2	9	3	5	4	7	1
3	1	4	2	6	7	5	9	8
9	7	5	8	4	1	2	6	3
2	4	7	5	9	8	3	1	6
5	3	6	1	7	4	9	8	2
1	9	8	6	2	3	7	5	4
8	2	3	7	1	9	6	4	5
4	5	9	3	8	6	1	2	7
7	6	1	4	5	2	8	3	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SCZ DEIZ NEJ SIN SE TZ FPSZIZMSZG FP ESCZI XZEXOZ,

SCZ DEIZ NEJ VFPG EJS BTEJS NEJIMZOV.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Age is not a particularly interesting subject. Anyone can get old. All you have to do is live long enough.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Spider-Man: No Way Home (E) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Pushpa: The Rise – Part 1 (Te)- 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Pushpa: The Rise – Part 1 (Te)- 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Pushpa: The Rise – Part 1 (Te)- 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 9900820093**
  Drishya 2 (K)- 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Madhagaja (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Sakath (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Sakath (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sterling Theatre** — **Ph: 2481170**
  Maddy (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
  Tadap (H) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** — **Ph: 2520009**
  Break Failure (K) 2 Shows; Love Killer Trap (H) - 2 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)	(S-2)	12.45 pm, 6.40 pm
	(S-3)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	8.15 am, 11.40 am, 3.05 pm 6.30 pm, 9.55 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (2D-E)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Madhagaja (K)	(S-2)	10.05 am
Sri Jagannatha Dasaru (K)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Sumesh & Ramesh (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Aana (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Sakath (K)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Drishya 2 (K)	(S-3)	7.00 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	8.50 am, 12.05 pm, 3.20 pm 6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (E)	(S-3)	5.20 pm, 8.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.10 am
Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)	(S-2)	10.00 am, 1.55 pm 5.50 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-4)	4.50 pm, 8.45 pm
Sakkath (K)	(S-3)	11.15 am
Aana (K)	(S-3)	2.30 pm
Drishyaa 2 (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm

PVR CINEMAS

Forum Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)	:	8.00 am, 8.50 am, 8.55 am, 9.45 am 10.45 am, 11.15 am, 1.20 pm, 2.20 pm 2.50 pm, 3.05 pm, 4.55 pm, 5.55 pm 6.25 pm, 8.30 pm, 9.30 pm 9.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	:	12.30 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Spider Man No Way Home (2D-E)	:	11.30 am, 2.40 pm, 5.50 pm, 9.00 pm
Aana (K)	:	12.15 pm
Drishya 2 (K)	:	6.40 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)	:	8.00 am, 8.10 am, 10.50 am, 11.40 am 2.25 pm, 2.50 pm, 3.15 pm, 6.00 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.35 pm, 10.00 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (E)	:	8.50 am, 12 noon, 3.10 pm, 6.20 pm 9.30 pm, 10.00 pm
Drishya 2 (K)	:	11.45 am

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (K)	(S-1)	3.00 pm
Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)	(S-2)	8.15 am, 11.40 am, 3.05 pm 6.30 pm, 9.55 pm
Udumbu (Ma)	(S-1)	9.45 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-3)	10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Drishyaa 2 (K)	(S-4)	4.00 pm, 6.50 pm
Sumesh & Ramesh (Ma)	(S-4)	9.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (DECEMBER 17)

- **BEML:** Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Exhibition on BEML's Story Board 'Journey of BEML Since 1964...' covering visuals and live equipment, BEML Ground, opposite Main Gate, BEML, **up to 5 pm.**
- **Indian Art and Craft Shopping Festival-2021:** Christmas Carnival, expo-cum-sale of over 10,000 varieties of handlooms and handicrafts for all over India, Open Grounds, opposite Aishwarya Petrol Bunk, Hunsur Road, Vijayanagar I Stage, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Janaspandana Trust:** Aahara Mela (Food Mela), Theme: 'Namma Ooru, Namma Ruchi,' Chikkamma Niketana Kalyana Mantap, Kuvempunagar, **up to 9 pm** [Mob: 63600-16264 or 98803-90463 or 94488-96214]
- **Gruha Shobhe:** International Living Style Exhibition, special attraction - Cake Show by Dolphin with Replica of Puneeth Rajkumar made of cake, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 18)

- **BEML:** Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Exhibition on BEML's Story Board 'Journey of BEML Since 1964...' covering visuals and live equipment, BEML Ground, opposite Main Gate, BEML, **10 am to 5 pm.**
- **JSS Science and Technology University (JSS S&TU) and Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (Constituent College under JSS S&TU):** 6th Global Alumni Meet [Blended Mode], Prof. B. Suresh, Director, Technical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, inaugurates, Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya, Advisor, Technical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, presides, distribution of Alumni Scholarship for the needy students, sponsored by the alumni residing in the USA and conferring of Distinguished Alumni Awards, to view programme online, log on to sjce.ravgonet.in, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 98867-79078 or e-mail: *fromsjcealumni@gmail.com*]
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- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2021, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, GoI, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom & Textile & Commerce, Government of Karnataka:** Inauguration of Special Handloom Expo, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru, **4 pm;** Expo, **up to 9 pm.** [City Bus from KSRTC Bus Stand - No: 117]
- **Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthamale and Kannada Sahitya Kalakuta:** Book release — Science writer S. Ramprasad's 'Nenapina Bogase' — by Prof. C. Naganna, Writer and Visiting Professor, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), Mysore University, Dr. Kabbinale Vasantha Bharadwaj speaks about the book, Maddikere Gopal, President, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, presides, Dr. Jyothi Shankar, Kannada Professor, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) guest of honour, Publisher T.S. Chayapathi of Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthamale and M. Chandrashekar, President of Kannada Sahitya Kalakuta and writer S. Ramprasad will be present, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Online vocal duet by Vidu. Sindhu Suchethan and Vidu. H.M. Smitha, accompanied by Vid. Janardhan Srinath on violin and Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga, Sabha's YouTube channel *[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5duKEUSvk8XXBra6TWQnSA]*, **5 pm.**
- **RAAGA Music Academy:** Grand veena concert by Vidu. Dr. S.V. Sahana of Mysuru, accompanied by Vid. A. Rajesh on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Prajna Kuteera Ayurvedic Centre, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.** [Ph: 0821-542069 or Mob: 82777-33410 or 94497-03610]
- **Mysore Art Gallery, Sri Rajeshwari Vastralankara Rangatanda, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota and Kadamba Rangavedike:** Guruvandana and book release in commemoration of Natya Vidushi Krishnaveni Rangarao, Nritya Namana by danseuse Dr. Jamunarani V. Mirle and team, Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre Director Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy releases the book 'Naa Kandante Nanna Guru' authored by Dr. Jamunarani V. Mirle, noted writer and orator Prof. A.V. Suryanarayanasamy guest of honour, noted painter and sculptor L. Shivalingappa of Mysore Art Gallery presides, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Kannada Vikasa Shikshana Samsthe premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.30 pm.** [Mob: 99725-07570 or 94481-30067]
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Mysuru:** Puja, Shattumurai and Mahamangalarati, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Thiruppavai discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99451-01480]
- **Hebbar Sreevaishnava Rural District Upa Sabha and Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Mysuru:** Dhanurmasa Puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Rama Srinivasan, Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam and Sri Rama Mandira, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai Kalakshepa' (Thiruppavai discourse) by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Theatre Music by junior repertory artistes, Rangayana, Mysuru, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2021, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Abhiyenthararu, Mysuru:** Nudi Namana to senior writer Rajeshwari Tejaswi, who passed away recently, Dr. Chidananda Gowda, B.N. Sriram, Krupakar-Senani, Maddikere Gopal, J.B. Rangaswamy, Suresh Babu, Dr. Y.D. Rajanna and M. Chandrashekar, District Sahitya Bhavan Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Puja, Shattumurai and Mahamangalarati, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Thiruppavai discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99451-01480]
- **Hebbar Sreevaishnava Rural District Upa Sabha and Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Mysuru:** Dhanurmasa Puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Rama Srinivasan, Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Sena Pade, District Unit, Mysuru:** Nudi Namana to Puneeth Rajkumar, rendering of songs of his movies, Mayor Sunanda Palanetra inaugurates, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev presides, MLC C.N. Manjegowda offers floral tributes, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah felicitates achievers of various fields, Vivekananda Circle, Vivekanandanagar, **6 pm onwards.**
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